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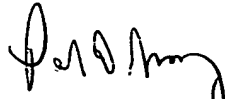
We are also enclosing copies of the non-US publications listed on the attached PTO-1449. Copies of the following patents and articles are not enclosed because they are not in the possession of the undersigned: "MUSE, Lap-on-Chip for Chemical analysis In-Situ" by F. Eckhardt et al.

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U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	6,290,791	9/18/01	SHAW et al.	156	64	
	6,395,232	5/28/02	Sterling Eduard McBRIDE	422	100	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						YES	NO
	1 327 474	7/16/03	Europe				
	WO 94/21372	9/29/04	PCT				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	F. Eckhardt et al., "MUSE, Lap-on-Chip for Chemical analysis In-Situ".

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